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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE
(WDC) AD HOC COMMITTEE

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1. IN LIGHT REFTTEL (B), WE CALLED IN UK EMBOFF FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY NUCLEAR POWERS
IN WDC AD HOC COMMITTEE. FURTHER DEMARCHE TO FRENCH DID
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NOT SEEM LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH UK COUNSELOR WILBERFORCE, ACDA OFF REVIEWED US VIEWS AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL (A) ON PROCEDURE FOR COOPERATION WITH COMMITTEE IF, AS EXPECTED, PRC DID NOT ATTEND MEETINGS. WILBERFORCE SAID THESE VIEWS HAD BEEN REPORTED BUT HE HAD NOT FULLY REALIZED THAT US BELIEVED NUCLEAR POWERS, UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE UN RESOLUTION, COULD COOPERATE WITH COMMITTEE BY MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH IT, RATHER THAN TAKING SEAT IN COMMITTEE. ACDA OFF REVIEWED NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF RESOLUTION NOTING THAT FORMULA FOR COOPERATION HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH NON-ALIGNED. THEREFORE, THEY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED OR CONSIDER IT ACT OF BAD FAITH IF WE DID EXACTLY WHAT THE RESOLUTION CALLED FOR, THAT IS, MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THE COMMITTEE.

3. WILBERFORCE CONFIRMED THAT UKUN HAD RECOMMENDED TO FCO THAT WESTERN NUCLEAR POWERS SHOULD TAKE SEATS IN COMMITTEE EVEN IF PRC DID NOT. HE THOUGHT IT COULD LOOK PECULIAR IF WESTERN NUCLEAR POWERS SAID THEY WERE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH COMMITTEE BUT THEN QUIBBLED OVER WHETHER THEY WERE WILLING TO TAKE SEAT. HOWEVER, TOWARDS END OF DISCUSSION WILBERFORCE SEEMED TO ACCEPT LOGIC OF POINT THAT THERE WOULD BE NOTHING WRONG WITH DOING WHAT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN NEGOTIATING THE RESOLUTION, NAMELY, COOPERATING BY MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE COMMITTEE. HE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS "AWKWARD ASPECT" FOR BRITISH, SINCE FRENCH SEEMED TO WANT TO PARTICIPATE WHETHER OR NOT CHINESE DID, IN ORDER TO LOOK POSITIVE IN A DISARMAMENT AREA, AND FRENCH SEEMED TO WANT BRITISH TO PARTICIPATE AS WELL.

4. WILBERFORCE BELIEVED THAT FCO WOULD GO ALONG WITH UKUN'S RECOMMENDATIONS UNLESS SOMETHING INTERVENED SUCH AS REQUEST FROM THE PRC THAT THE BRITISH NOT TAKE A SEAT. ACDA OFFICER AND WILBERFORCE AGREED THAT US AND UK SHOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS MATTER. CASEY

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